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INVENTION: "BICARBONATE-BASED SOLUTION IN TWO PARTS FOR PERITONEAL DIALYSIS OR SUBSTITUTION IN CONTINUOUS RENAL REPLACEMENT THERAPY"

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

Please enter the following Amendment in the above-identified patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 7-20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add newly submitted Claims 21-30 as follows:

21. A two-part bicarbonate containing solution, each part being separately stored from the other part until use, the solution comprising:
a first part including an alkaline bicarbonate concentrate having a pH ranging from about 9.0 to 10.0; and
a second part including an acidic concentrate having a pH ranging from about 1.3 to 2.5, the pH of the acidic concentrate effective to obtain, when the first part and the second part are mixed together, a mixed solution having a pH ranging from 6.5 to 7.6.